

South Platte Basin Roundtable (SPBRT) Meeting  
Tuesday, April 12, 2022  
4:00-7:00 p.m. (MST)  
Hybrid Meeting (In Person and Virtual Option)

### **South Platte Basin Roundtable Business Meeting Minutes**

South Platte Basin Website: <https://southplattebasin.com/>  
CWCB SPBRT Website: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/about-us/basin-roundtables/south-platte-basin-roundtable>

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions (Sean Chambers – 5 min)**

The meeting started at 4:08 p.m. Sean Chambers welcomed everyone and commented on the hybrid nature of the meeting.

In attendance: Gene Manuello\*, Loretta Daniel\*, Jim Yahn\*, Garrett Varra\*, Kirk Vincent\*, Matt Jones\*, Ken Huson\*, Stephen Larson\*, Lisa Leben\*, Patrick Wells\*, Jim Ford\*, Daylan Figgs\*, Donnie Dustin\*, John Kolanz\*, Joe Frank\*, Dick Elsner\*, Larry Rogstad\*, Bruce Gerk\*, Scott Griebeling\*, Lynda James\*, Sean Chambers\*, Sean Cronin, Casey Davenhill, Christy Wiseman, Sam Stein, Carmen Farmer, Corey DeAngelis, Dan Betts, David Rausch, Ed Stein, Erik Jorgensen, Jonathon Loos, Leah Hubbard, Kyle Whittaker, Mallory Hiss, Matt Lindburg, Patty Peritz, Will Ettema, and multiple members of the public. 21 voting SPBRT members were present (\* denotes a voting member).

#### **2. Approval of March 2022 Minutes (Sean Chambers – 2.5 min action required)**

SPBRT Recorder Christy Wiseman announced that she needed more time to finalize the minutes. Kirk Vincent made a motion to table approval of the March 2022 minutes until the May meeting and Jim Yahn seconded. The motion passed unanimously without discussion or contest.

#### **3. April 2022 Agenda Additions or Changes (Sean Chambers – 2.5 min action required)**

There were no proposed additions or changes to the April 2022 meeting agenda. Garrett Varra made a motion to accept the April 2022 meeting agenda and Daylan Figgs seconded. The motion passed unanimously without discussion or contest.

#### **4. Membership Updates and Vacancies (Sean Chambers – 5 min)**

Sean Chambers covered the current list of vacancies on the SPBRT. Jim Ford announced that he will retire soon; therefore, a new Gilpin Municipality representative will need to be chosen. Garrett Varra reminded everyone that municipal representative seats are difficult to fill because all of the county's municipalities must agree on a single person to serve as representative. Varra is willing to continue calling different jurisdictions to fill vacant voting seats on behalf of the SPBRT. For example, the Local Domestic Water Provider Representative (At Large) seat has been open for over a year. Sean Chambers and multiple SPBRT members supported Varra's approach. Chambers commented that there is a natural nexus for Varra to do this given the WSRF Needs Committee and grant funding (i.e., plugging into SPBRT meetings is a pipeline for potential projects).

**5. Public Comment (5 min)**

A member of the public attending in person, John Icabone, commented about gravel mines. Icabone can be reached at [JohnIcabone@gmail.com](mailto:JohnIcabone@gmail.com) or 720.289.2395 for more information.

**6. BIP Implementation and Water Plan Update (Sean Chambers and Jim Hall – 5 min)**

Jim Hall noted that the SPBRT and Metro Roundtable are working together to better connect grant dollars to the newly adopted goals of the BIP. Hall will share more information in future meetings.

**7. SPBRT Committees**

**a. Water Supply Reserve Fund (WSRF) (Garrett Varra, Scott Griebing, and Sam Stein – 5 min)**

Garrett Varra provided a WSRF account update. The SPBRT received three WSRF grant applications by the April deadline. The WSRF Needs Committee will review all three applications over the next few weeks and prepare a funding recommendation memo for the May SPBRT meeting. The three WSRF applicants will present at the May meeting. Sam Stein clarified that there is no statewide WSRF account anymore.

**b. Public Education, Participation, and Outreach (PEPO) (Casey Davenport – 20 min)**

**i. [South Platte Video Premiere](#)**

Casey Davenport presented the PEPO update. She hopes the South Platte Basin website can continue to provide useful links and meeting information to the public. The PEPO Committee is helping plan multiple water-related tours and field trips in support of the [Water 22](#) campaign.

Davenport then shared the South Platte Video. After the video, Davenport thanked everyone involved with the video, especially the videographer Christi Bode, members of the PEPO Committee, and SPBRT members who helped get the project to the finish line. Now that the video has been shared with the SPBRT, the PEPO Committee plans to share it more widely. Multiple SPBRT members suggested ideas for sharing the video (e.g., at local film festivals). There was general support from the SPBRT for the video's content and tone. Sean Chambers noted that by consensus, the SPBRT supports distributing the video.

**c. Environmental and Recreational (Kelsea Holloway – 10 min)**

Lynda James provided the Environmental and Recreational Committee update, as Kelsea Holloway could not attend the meeting. James noted an upcoming stream management planning workshop hosted by River Network.

James gave an overview of the committee's March 23 meeting. The committee discussed how to best implement the BIP by supporting projects. There were two main ideas: 1) review the BIP's goals and measurable outcomes and determine priorities, and 2) create a weighted matrix of criteria from which to score projects. James went into more detail about the potential scoring approaches. At their meeting on March 23, the committee also

discussed the current projects list (updated through the BIP process) and how to make committee-level decisions (whether by consensus, majority vote, etc.) The committee wanted more clarity on whether they need to create and post minutes for their committee meetings.

James revisited the discussion about watershed health and how best to incorporate those themes into the work of the Environmental and Recreational Committee. This prompted discussion from other SPBRT members about forest health vs. watershed health and the need to form another SPBRT committee specific for this topic and allied local efforts. At the end of the discussion, James invited anyone interested in the Environmental and Recreational Committee to contact her.

**d. Public Posting of Committee Meetings (Sean Chambers – 5 min)**

Sean Chambers noted that there is now a process to publically post and notice SPBRT committee meetings on the South Platte Basin website. The SPBRT Executive Committee and all committee Chairs are working on this process improvement.

SPBRT Recorder Christy Wiseman announced that she is stepping down from the Recorder position; this will be her last meeting. The SPBRT will look to find a replacement Recorder over the coming weeks.

**8. Interbasin Compact Committee (IBCC) Update (Jim Yahn and Sean Cronin – 10 min)**

Jim Yahn noted that he recently presented to Water Education Colorado's Water Leaders class. Yahn commented on the ongoing discussions with Nebraska about South Platte River Compact obligations and their proposed canal project.

**9. Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) Update (Robert Sakata and Sam Stein – 20 min)**

**a. CWCB**

Sam Stein provided CWCB updates. CWCB staff is diligently working on the Water Plan update; the public comment period will open on June 30. Stein gave an update on the HB10-1051 database upgrades, which are delayed. The reporting deadline has been extended until September. Stein went over recent and upcoming meetings. CWCB hopes to celebrate all the Roundtables for their work on the BIPs at an in person event this summer.

Robert Sakata could not attend the meeting. Sakata submitted a written report for the meeting materials folder. Sean Chambers called attention to CWCB's pivot in messaging about Demand Management (noted in Sakata's report). There was more discussion about Demand Management efforts and how Colorado is ahead of other Upper Basin states in this regard.

**b. Other Roundtables and Club 20 Conference Update**

Sean Chambers went over the list of upcoming meetings. In response to a question from Lynda James, Chambers responded that SPBRT committee meeting agendas and minutes (showing a record of the committee's actions) need to be uploaded on the South Platte Basin website as publically available. The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.